

## Community Foundation of Sarasota County Awards Grant for services to 2022 Florida hurricane-impacted households

Roadmap to Recovery<sup>™</sup> services to be provided in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The national insurance consumer advocacy non-profit United Policyholders (UP), announced today that the Community Foundation of Sarasota County has awarded a grant that will fund services to insured households impacted by Hurricane Ian in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties through UP's Roadmap to Recovery™ program. Funding for the grant was provided through the Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund.

"We are profoundly grateful to the Community Foundation. This critical support will significantly enhance our ability to reach and assist households that are in dire straits and stay engaged with our Florida partners," said Executive Director Amy Bach.

For over 30 years, United Policyholders' Roadmap to Recovery<sup>™</sup> Program has helped disaster-impacted households and communities navigate the insurance claims process, hold insurance companies to their promises and collect all available insurance funds in order to finance repairs and rebuilding.

Communities impacted by disasters are relying heavily on insurance benefits to fund repair/building and recovery, yet those benefits often don't flow as quickly or fully as they should. Funding from the Community Foundation will enable United Policyholders to continue assisting traumatized households in

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navigating the long term recovery process and Florida's complex insurance and legal environment.

Since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, United Policyholders has provided support to Florida residents after major hurricanes. The Roadmap to Recovery<sup>™</sup> Program has a track record of helping people reach full and fair claim settlements, resolve disputes, and stay reasonably organized and emotionally strong enough to maintain forward momentum toward restoring their assets, quality of life and communities.

**About United Policyholders:** Since 1991, the nonprofit 501(c)(3) United Policyholders (UP) has been a trustworthy and useful information resource and an effective voice for consumers of all types of insurance in

all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our work is divided into three programs: Roadmap to Recovery<sup>™</sup>, Roadmap to Preparedness, and Advocacy and Action. For more information about these programs, visit us at www.uphelp.org. For questions or comments, please email media@uphelp.org.

About the Community Foundation of Sarasota County: The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a public charity founded in 1979 by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council as a resource for caring individuals and the causes they support, enabling them to make a charitable impact on the community. With assets of \$460 million in more than 1,570 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$45.3 million dollars last year in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, civic engagement, animal welfare and the environment. Since its founding, the Community Foundation has been able to grant more than \$396 million to area nonprofit organizations in our community thanks to the generosity of charitable individuals, families, and businesses. For more information, visit www.CFSarasota.org or call (941) 955-3000.

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